

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. RPU-01-5 (RPU-01-3)
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ORDER SHORTENING TIME TO RESPOND

(Issued June 12, 2001)

On June 11, 2001, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) an application for a general increase in its electric rates. Included with the filing was a motion to consolidate that proceeding, identified as Docket No. RPU-01-5, with the pending rate reduction proceeding against MidAmerican filed by the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate), identified as Docket No. RPU-01-3. In its motion to consolidate, MidAmerican asks that the Board issue its final decision and order within ten months of March 14, 2001, the date of filing of Consumer Advocate's rate reduction petition.

Because the procedural schedule in Docket No. RPU-01-3 has been set and various deadlines are approaching, the Board will shorten the response time to the motion to consolidate. The Board will require that responses to the motion be filed on or before June 22, 2001.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Responses to the motion to consolidate filed by MidAmerican Energy Company on June 11, 2001, shall be filed on or before June 22, 2001.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Acting Executive Secretary

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 12th day of June, 2001.